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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re application of:  
Kirk Feathers *et al.*

Examiner: J. Fischetti  
Art Unit: 3627

Application Serial **09/682,791**

Att'y Docket: 98753-011342

Filed: October 19, 2001

For: **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR DYNAMICALLY  
MAINTAINING INTERNET ASSOCIATIONS**

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

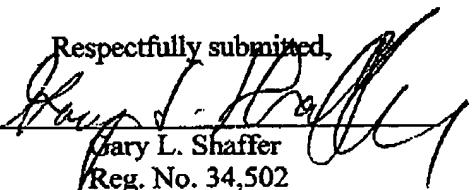
In response to the Restriction Requirement Action dated December 16, 2003, a response to which is due no later than January 16, 2004, applicants hereby elect the claims of Group IV, claims 21-30, for prosecution on the merits in the subject application.

Applicants, of course, reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications covering the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited. If prosecution of this matter can be expedited in any way, Examiner Fischetti is requested to contact the undersigned by telephone at (703) 642-5435.

Date: January 15, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

  
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